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**ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO  
DRUG DISTRIBUTION, MONEY LAUNDERING AND INSURANCE FRAUD**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, Resident Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration Leo Ducey, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division Joseph Galasso, Resident Agent in Charge, Mark Dragonetti, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigation, and Special Agent in Charge Robin Avers, of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Roger Sevigny of the New Hampshire Insurance Department, Insurance Fraud Unit, announced that Robert S. Levine, age 59, of Atkinson, New Hampshire pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in connection with his involvement in the distribution of prescription drugs, money laundering and insurance fraud.

During a plea hearing before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., Levine admitted his guilt to a variety of charges brought by the United States. The charges allege that Levine distributed the prescription drugs clonazepam, valium, viagra, lipitor, and morphine on various occasions between August, 2002 and June 2003. Levine was also charged with conducting seven separate money laundering transactions totaling over \$500,000 between March, 2003 and January, 2004. In addition, Levine was charged with two counts of mail fraud and one count of making health care false statements in connection with a fraud scheme involving health care and disability insurance providers. Levine was detained pending sentencing which is scheduled for June 15, 2005. He faces a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000,000.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case is the product of an intensive investigation conducted by state and federal agencies and represents another fine example of cooperation in the enforcement of the laws of the United States."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the DEA, IRS, FDA,

Department of Homeland Security and the NH Insurance Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.